

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: image_0005930

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Auckland

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 24 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is a studio photograph of a distressed clothed child who has been posed in a sexualised manner with a focus on her buttocks, and her labia which are clearly outlined through her clothing. It is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such material encourages the creation and reinforcement of this sexual interest. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.